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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten

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-- A single or multilayer sheet comprising a microvoided layer permeable to low surface tension liquids has a continuous phase comprising a polylactic-acid-based material and interconnecting microvoids, said the microvoided layer having a total absorbent capacity of at least about 14 cc/m<sup>2</sup>. The invention is also directed to an a method of making a sheet material comprising such a permeable microvoided layer, which method comprises extruding a sheet comprising a layer of a polylactic-acid-based material containing inorganic particles by extrusion, and stretching the sheet biaxially to form interconnected microvoids around the inorganic particles. --

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